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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL: REPRESENTATIVE SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

REF: STATE 126421

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DETAILS PROVIDED REFTEL AND WILL
WORK OUT A PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE'S GUIDANCE
TO EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSIDERING VERY SHORT VISIT PROPOSED.

2. KEY TO VISIT WILL BE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT. VIEW
PREPARATIONS NOW BEING MADE FOR PRESIDENT'S PEKING VISIT
JUNE 7-11, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT
UNTIL THEREAFTER. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE IT FOR
AFTERNOON JULY 3 SINCE JULY 4 IS BOTH US AND PHILIPPINE
HOLIDAY. CHARGE AND EMBASSY STAFF WOULD BRIEF CONGRESSMAN
PRIOR TO CALL.

3. WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEMS
OF AGING ON SAME AFTERNOON IF FEASIBLE. HAS SUBCOMMITTEE
DEALT WITH ANY OFFICE IN GOP ON THIS SUBJECT?

4. CHARGE WOULD LIKE TO HOST DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN
MATSUNAGA EVENING JULY 3 TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE
MEMBERS OF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND OF AMERICAN AND
PHILIPPINE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

5. BREAKFAST JULY 4 WOULD HOPEFULLY AFFORD OPPORTUNITY
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TO MEET WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF "OPPOSITION."

6. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WILL HOST JULY 4 RECEPTION AT EMBASSY FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AMERICAN COMMUNITY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME CONGRESSMAN'S PARTICIPATION INCLUDING BRIEF REMARKS AT 10:00 A.M.

7. CURTAILMENT OF VISIT AT THIS POINT WOULD MEET CHRONOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN BUT WOULD PROHIBIT OPPORTUNITY VISIT SUBIC. IF SCHEDULE HOLDS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE RECOMMEND CONGRESSMAN CONSIDER CHOPPER TO SUBIC JULY 4 ABOUT 11:30 FOR 12 NOON ETA, LUNCH WITH BASE OFFICIALS, TOUR OF FACILITIES INCLUDING REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER AND RETURN TO EMBASSY ABOUT 1430.

8. ABOVE PROPOSALS MUST BE TENTATIVE UNTIL PRESIDENT'S RETURN BUT WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATIONS OF CONGRESSMAN'S INTEREST. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DR. CHEN WISHES TO DO IN MANILA FOLLOWING CONGRESSMAN'S DEPARTURE.
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